

RESOLUTION 2020- 17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, MANDATING
RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN SOCIAL AND CIVIC GATHERINGS**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency as a result of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak in Indiana;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County declared a local disaster emergency as a result of COVID-19 for Warrick County, which declaration has subsequently been renewed and remains in effect to date, with such declaration to expire in conjunction with the public health emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2020, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-43, which requires that organizers of events where total attendance is expected to exceed five hundred (500) individuals submit an event plan addressing COVID-19 mitigation efforts to the local health department for approval prior to such event taking place;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-43 has subsequently been renewed by the Governor of Indiana and remains in effect to date;

WHEREAS, despite Federal, State, and local action, COVID-19 remains a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of Warrick County residents, requiring additional efforts to reduce the threats associated with exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Warrick County is currently experiencing an increase of positive COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Health Department has concluded that a significant number of positive COVID-19 cases have resulted from large social and community gatherings;

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Health Department has also been in communication with local healthcare institutions and has been advised that there have been significant increases in the number of COVID-19 related admissions to local hospitals, and that unless COVID-19 admissions are reduced, local healthcare institutions may face capacity issues;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order 20-43, as renewed, permits local government units to impose more restrictive guidelines than those set forth in any Executive Order issued by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, in accordance with Subsection 1(e) of Executive Order 20-43 of the Governor of the State of Indiana, as renewed, are committed to taking action to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Warrick County by imposing restrictions on certain social gatherings in meetings in Warrick County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

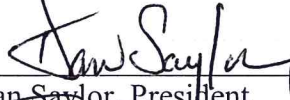
1. The organizers of any social or civic gathering(s) where the total number of those in attendance is reasonably expected to exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) persons are required to submit a written COVID-19 mitigation plan to the Warrick County Health Department at least ten (10) business days before the date of the event.
2. A “social or civic gathering” is an event involving the gathering of multiple persons from different households, whether indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in the same place to attend an event, including, without limitation, the following: weddings, ceremonies, family reunions, parties, benefits or fundraisers, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, community events, community holiday celebrations, conventions, non-school sporting events, concerts, performances, and entertainment events.
3. A COVID-19 mitigation plan must outline the steps that will be taken to protect against the spread of COVID-19 at the social or civic gathering, and shall address the following:
 - i. Guest Information. Identify information to provide to attendees regarding reminders to stay home if symptomatic or part of a high-risk population, to practice social distancing, the correct wearing of face coverings, to comply with CDC guidance, etc.
 - ii. Screening. Identify steps to screen staff, volunteers, and attendees for symptoms of COVID-19, such as taking of temperatures, self-reporting of any symptoms, etc.
 - iii. Social Distancing. Identify steps taken to ensure proper social distancing is maintained between all persons present at the social or civil gathering, such as multiple entrances, designated seating areas, one-way flow of attendees, ground markers indicating appropriate social distancing space, spacing between available seating, etc.
 - iv. Sanitation Measures. Identify steps taken to ensure proper cleaning and sanitization of the event space, including increased cleaning of high-touch areas and the provision of adequate handwashing and hand sanitizing stations.
 - v. Face Coverings. Identify that face coverings will be required to be worn by all persons present at the social or civic gathering, and outlining the steps taken to ensure compliance.
 - vi. Compliance. Identify the number of staff and/or volunteers who will monitor the social or civic gathering and ensure compliance with the plan as approved by the Warrick County Health Department, as well as other applicable State and local laws.
4. The Warrick County Health Department may approve, deny, or request adjustments or clarification to a COVID-19 mitigation plan.

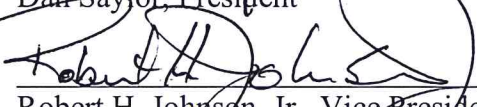
This Resolution shall be effective as of November 4, 2020.

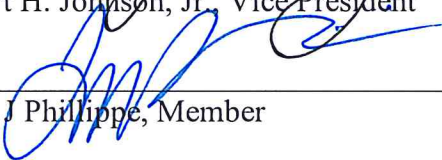
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Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County this 4th day of November, 2020.

WARRICK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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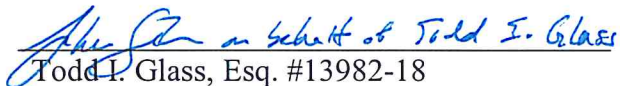

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